PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

—OF THE—

Evangelical Lutheran Synod,

—OF—

KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES,

—HELD IN—

Lawrence, Kansas, from September 22d to 27th, 1875.

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MR. J. B. SCHELL, TREASURER, ... *Kansas City, Mo.*

MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Officers of the Synod.

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REV. A. A. TRIMPER, ... *Lawrence, Kansas.*
REV. J. B. MCAFEE, ... *Topeka, Kansas.*
REV. T. F. DORNBLASER, ... *Kansas City, Mo.*

DELEGATES TO SISTER SYNODS.

Synod of Iowa, ... REV. D. S. ALTMAN.
" " N. Illinois, ... " A. A. TRIMPER.
" " S. Illinois, ... " S. P. HARRINGTON.
" " Nebraska, ... " T. F. DORNBLASER.
" " Central Illinois, ... " D. HARBAUGH.

SPEAKERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

Education, ... REV. S. P. HARRINGTON.
Home Missions, ... " T. F. DORNBLASER.
Ordination, ... " J. B. MCAFEE.

The Ninth Convention of the Synod of Kansas will be held on the first Tuesday in August, 1876.

MINUTES.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and adjacent States, met at Lawrence, on Wednesday evening, September 22d, 1875.

The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. S. P. Harrington, from II Kings, 5: 21, 22. "Is all well? And he said all is well."

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 a. m., Sept. 23d, 1875.

After spending a half hour in devotional exercises, Synod was opened by singing, reading the scriptures and prayer by the President. The roll was called, and Lay Delegates were received by presenting their credentials.

List of Clerical Members.

1.	Rev. R. Weiser,	Georgetown,	Col.,	No Charge.
2.	" J. G. Ellinger,	Ottawa,	Kan.,	Died Feb. 21, 1875.
3.	" T. W. Sargent,	Emporia,	"	Died Feb. 5, 1875.
4.	" D. S. Altman,	Ottawa,	"	Vineland Charge.
5.	" A. A. Trimper,	Lawrence,	"	Lawrence Mission.
6.	" C. Young,	Salina,	"	Salina Mission.
7.	" G. A. Exline,	Bunker Hill,	"	Preaching in Indiana.
8.	" [illegible] Harbaugh	Waterville,	"	Waterville Charge.
9.	" P. R. Sherer,	"	"	Marshall County.
10.	" G. Walker,	White Rock,	"	No Charge.
11.	" S. Cook,	Central City,	"	No Charge.
12.	" J. R. McAfee,	Topeka,	"	No Charge.
13.	" S. P. Harrington,	Abilene,	"	Abilene Mission.
14.	" H. Heigerd,	Effingham,	"	No Charge.
15.	" A. W. Wagenhalls	Atchison,	"	No Charge.
16.	" J. R. Corbett,	Bunker Hill,	"	
17.	" J. K. Eckman,	Osborn City,	"	Osborn and White Rock.
18.	" C. J. Scheleen,	Bismark,	"	Bismark and St. Marys
19.	" T. F. Dornb[illegible]aser,	Kansas City, Mo.,		Kansas City Mission.
20.	" N. G. [illegible]ergenskold	Seattle, Kan.,		Marshal County.
24.	" E. J. Keplinger,	Valley Falls, Kan.,		Removed to Indiana.

Lay Delegates.

1. Andrew Eberhart, Vineland Charge.
2. Charles Ganmer, Lawrence Mission.
3. J. H. Reitzel, Waterville Charge. (Absent.)
4. C. W. Lebold, Abilene Mission. (Absent.)
5. J. W. Keefer, Kansas City Mission.

Advisory Members.

Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Sec. Board of Home Missions.
" James Miller, of the Free Methodist Church.
" S. W. Loyd, of the M. E. Church, Lawrence, Kansas.
" A. M. Richardson, of the Pilgrim Congregational Church.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:

At the close of another Synodical year of Missionary toil and anxiety, through the mercy of our Father in Heaven, we are again permitted to meet in this Eighth Annual Convention.

We meet not as we have met on former occasions. Previous to this year the angel of death had not entered this ecclesiastical fold. But in this just closed, he has plucked the first fruits of the vine. Two of our number have been gathered to the land of eternal rest. On the 5th day of February 1875, the highly esteemed and venerable Father, Rev. T. W. Sargent was by sudden accident, called from labor to reward. Of him it can be truthfully said, "He died with the armor on." On the 24th day of the same month, Rev. J. G. Ellinger, who on account of ill health for several years was unable to meet with us in our conventions, was also called to the fathers. He was in the days of his activity, a man of mind, and of noble worth. Peace be to their dust, until the morning of the resurrection, when God shall bid them come forth to endless life. May we be ready for the gatherer when he shall call for us.

I now ask permission to lay before you a report of my official acts during my term of office:

Official Correspondence.

Soon after the adjournment of the Synod, I addressed a letter of admonition to the Rev. Geo. Walker, according to the instructions of Synod, see page 21 of the minutes of 1874. A few weeks after the adjournment of Synod Rev. D. Harbaugh called my attention to the fact, that the ministerium had not renewed the license of Charles Hawkinson. I accordingly wrote a letter of inquiry to Rev. A. G. Bergenskold, who stopped at Randolph, on his return from Synod, and in reply he informed me, that Bro. Hawkinson, was not then actively engaged in the duties of the ministry. Bro. Hawkinson had not complied with the requirements of the Constitution of Synod. He sent no contribution to the treasury, he sent no excuse for non-attendance at Synod, nor did he send his journal or sermons, and besides this, he did not ask for a renewal of his license. I therefore thought it not proper, under the circumstances for me to do what the Synod failed to do when in session. I addressed Bro. Hawkinson relative to the "Sweedish Missionary Synod," which was to be organized at Randolph, Kansas, but to this I received no reply.

Dismissals.

The "Sweedish Ansgari Synod," having been organized, and having united with the General Synod at its last meeting in Baltimore I according to instructions, granted Rev. C. J. Lindahl, a certificate of honorable dismission to unite with the "Ansgari Synod."

I also granted Rev. M. J. Fiery, a certificate of honorable dismission, to unite with the Synod of Central Pennsylvania.

Vancancies.

The English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Topeka, the Monrovia and Valley Falls charge, the Atchison Lutheran church, the Eureka charge, and other points are vacant. Bunker Hill is about obtaining a pastor in the person of Rev. Prof. J. B. Corbett.

Reccommendations.

I would reccommend that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions of condolence and sympathy, on the death of Rev'd Fathers, Sargent and Ellinger.

I also recommend the appointment of an agent of the publication house to sell our publications, and supply the destitute regions, with the ministra-

tions of the gospel, as far as possible. I herewith submit a letter from the financial Secretary of the Board of Publication. And now may the blessing of God be with us in our deliberations, and may we devise wise and liberal things, for God, and his kingdom here on earth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abilene Kansas, Sept. 21, 1875. S. P. HARRINGTON.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, ... Rev. S. P. HARRINGTON.
Secretary, ... " T. F. DORNBLASER.
Treasurer, ... Mr. J. B SCHELL.

Hours of Meeting.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the sessions of this Synod be held from 9 a. m. to 12 m and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. Heigerd.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, 2 p. m., Sept. 23d, 1875.

Synod was called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Goodlin.

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. Minutes of General Synod. Delegates to the same.
2. Minutes of last convention. Revs. D. S. Altman, C. J. Scheleen and Bro. A. E. Eberhart.
3. President's Report. Revs. D. Harbaugh, J. B. McAfee, and Bro. C. Gaumer.
4. Periodicals and S. S. Literature. Revs. A. A. Trimper, H. Heigerd and Bro. J. W. Keefer.
5. Publication Board. Revs. D. Harbaugh, S. P. Harrington and Bro L. H. Lebold.
6. Communications. Revs. D. S. Altman, C. J. Scheleen, and Bro. A. Eberhart.
7. Parochial Reports. Revs. D. Harbaugh, D. S. Altman, and H. Heigerd.
8. Treasurer's Report. Revs. J. B. McAfee, and Bro. J. W. Keefer.
9. State of Religion. Revs. A. A. Trimper and C. J. Scheleen.
10. Condolence and Sympathy. Revs. S. P. Harrington, D. S. Altman and H. Heigerd.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Rev. D. Harbaugh read a report of Committee on drafting Constitution for the adoption of Individual Churches.

The report was laid on the table for future action.

Report of Committee No. 2.

The document placed in our hands is a copy of the proceedings of the Seventh Annual Convention of this body. The following items claim the attention of the Synod:

1. On page 17, a number of vacant congregations are reported. Have any of them been supplied during the year?

Rev. Harbaugh occasionally supplied the Monrovia Charge. Rev. Harrington supplied Topeka one Sabbath and installed their officers.

2. What have our Commissioners to Carthage College to report?

They will report in due time.

3. On page 19, a resolution requiring each minister in this Synod to preach a sermon on Temperance to his people during the year. Have all complied with this resolution? None fully.

4. That one evening of this Convention be devoted to Temperance. Synod deemed it impracticable at this time.

5. That our delegates to the General Synod ask that body to pass a special rule to empower the B. H. M. to appoint a Traveling Missionary in the West. Have they done so?

Their papers were laid before the proper committee, but they were not favorably received.

6. A committee was appointed to draft a Constitution for the adoption of our Churches. Are they ready to report? Yes.

7. Page 22, is a resolution touching the case of Rev. E. J. Keplinger. What action will Synod take in the matter?

By motion the resolution was reconsidered and referred to a committee.

Report of Advisory Mission Committee.

Your committee would respectfully report, that they did not formally recommend any church or charge for aid to the Board of Home Missions in the past year. The chairman of the committee, had a personal interview with the Secretary of the Board, and urged said Board to grant aid to White Rock, Kansas, and to Eureka, Kansas, but for want of means the Board could not take any more new missions upon its funds. Hence they were not formally recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. Harrington.
D. S. Altman.

Adopted.

Parochial Reports.

In connection with the presentation of the reports, the pastors made brief statements of the financial and spiritual condition of their respective charges.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. B. McAfee.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 a. m., Sept. 24th, 1875.

A half hour being devoted to singing and prayer, Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Trimper.

The minutes of previous sessions were approved.

Parochial reports were resumed, and verbal statements were heard from Lay Delegates.

Case of E. J. Keplinger.

WHEREAS, This Synod has reconsidered its late action at Abilene, touching the case of Rev. E. J. Keplinger, and after mature deliberation appointed a committee to report upon the matter, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Keplinger has removed to the State of Indiana, thereby being beyond the bounds of this Synod, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod will take great pleasure in hearing of Rev. Keplinger's entering upon the active duties of the Ministry, thereby carrying out the solemn vows, made at his ordination.

D. S. ALTMAN.
J. B. MCAFEE, Committee.

Adopted.

Committee No. 3.

Your committee, to whom was referred the President's Report, recommend that his official acts be approved by Synod.

Resolved, That in view of all the circumstances connected with the case of Brother C. Hawkinson, his name be dropped from the roll of Synod.

D. HARBAUGH,
J. B. MCAFEE,
C. GAUMER.

Adopted.

Committee No. 4.

The document in our hands is a copy of the "Augsburg S. S. Teacher," published by the Lutheran Board of Publication, and ably edited by a corps of Ministers from our Church, who have placed it in the front rank of this kind of Literature.

We would recommend the Teacher to all our S. Schools. Our main dependence in the West is upon our Sunday Schools, and it is the more imperative that we, as a Church, secure every available help to render efficient the Sabbath Schools connected with our respective Churches.

A. A. TRIMPER.
H. HEIGERD.
J. W. KEEFER.

Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the Kansas Synod:

The undersigned, Treasurer of said Synod, begs leave to offer the following report of money received and paid out, with the proper vouchers accompanying:

Synodical Fund		$60 45.
Paid out as per receipts		61 44.
Due Treasurer		$ 3 99.
Home Missions	$76 07	
Paid Out	76 32—	25.
Church Extension	23 61	
Paid Out	23 86—	25
Foreign Missions	28 52	
Paid Out	24 67—	12
Due Treasurer		$ 4 61
General Synod Fund	$37 00	
Paid Out	36 00	1 00.
Education Fund	$36 50	
Due Treasurer		$ 3 61.
Due Synod		$32 98.
Amount in Treasurer's hand and ready to be paid over is		$32 98.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SCHELL, Treasurer.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report and Vouchers, have examined the same, and find them correct, and recommend that the Report be published in the minutes.

J. B. MCAFEE.
J. W. KEEFER.

Adopted.

Rev. D. Harbaugh presented the following:

Resolved, That we borrow the sum of fourteen dollars from the Education Fund, to pay the Brethren, who advanced the same to the Treasurer of the General Synod, at Baltimore, to satisfy the amount apportioned to this Synod.

Adopted.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary was authorized to receive all funds due the Synod, and transmit the same to the Treasurer elect.

REPORT OF SECRETARY B. H. M.

Brethren:—The Board of Home Missions has six missions under its care within the bounds of your Synod, viz: Kansas City, Lawrence, Abilene, Salina, Bunker Hill and Topeka.

Bunker Hill has been vacant since June 1st, 1874, but has recently been supplied. Topeka is still vacant.

The aggregate amount of appropriations by the Board to these Missions is $1800 annually; the amount received by the Board from the Synod for Home Missions, for the year closing June 1st, 1875, is $76.07.

At the meeting of the General Synod in Baltimore, it was resolved to raise ($20,000) twenty thousand dollars annually for the next two years, for Home Missions. This would average about eighteen cents per member. The apportionment for this Synod then would be ($140) one hundred and forty dollars.

The Board would respectfully, but earnestly request the Synod, the Ministers, and Congregations, that they make every possible effort to secure this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. GOODLIX, Sec'y B. H. M.

Approved.

Pending discussion on Home Missions, Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. Harbaugh.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 p. m., Sept. 24th, 1875.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. J. Scheleen.

The discussion on Home Missions was resumed.

Rev. H. Heigerd and Mr. J. W. Keefer were excused from further attendance upon this meeting of Synod.

Committee No. 8.

The document placed in our hands is a letter from Rev. I. J. Delo, Financial Secretary of the Lutheran Board of Publication.

We recommend that the letter be read before the Synod, and offer the following:

Resolved, That we highly approve of the object of the Board of Publication and rejoice to learn that they have already published seventy volumes, besides the S. S. Teacher and Lesson Leaves.

Resolved, That we most earnestly recommend these publications to our Sunday Schools and Churches.

Resolved, That the officers of Synod recommend to the Board, a suitable person to travel as Colporteur in its bounds, as soon as such a person can be found.

D. HARBAUGH,
S. P. HARRINGTON.

Adopted, *seriatim*.

Committee No. 9.

Your Committee on the state of the Church would report, that the general Financial embarrassment through which we have passed, has had a corresponding depression on the Churches.

We find a general declension in religious interest. Yet we are glad to

report a few grateful exceptions. A few have enjoyed refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord. Sabbath Schools for the most part, are in a flourishing condition, and one of our most prominent Churches, that of Kansas City, which has suffered so long and so painfully, from pecuniary embarrassment, we are glad to learn is in a fair way of being happily and permanently relieved.

We recommend the following:

1. That the Pastors belonging to this Synod endeavor to build up their people in greater spirituality.

2. That Pastors and people put forth every effort to promote general spiritual revivals of religion, fully consecrating themselves, and all they have to the Lord.

3. That our people be more prompt and liberal in their contributions for the support of the Church. A Pastor's hands frequently hang down and his heart is saddened because of the indifference of his people toward his support. A Church Debt, if it is allowed to accumulate, will do more to dishearten and crush a young Church, than any other cause. Hence prompt and efficient measures should be adopted, looking to the speedy liquidation of all claims upon a church. The building of expensive churches, where the congregations are weak and small, is a sin and a folly.

4. We would urge a proper and healthy Church discipline, with a view of promoting vital piety in the Church. Cut off the dead and diseased members, that do not and cannot bring forth fruits unto righteousness. Family worship should be urged upon all of our people, and whenever it is possible, prayer meetings should be held, and encouraged. Much of the labor of preaching is lost without a prayer meeting during the week.

We would urge upon all our Pastors and people to avail themselves of every proper means that will promote the prosperity of Zion and the glory of God.

A. A. TRIMPER,
C. J. SCHELEEN.

Adopted.

The speaker, Rev. M. J. Fiery, appointed on Home Missions, being absent, Synod requested Rev. J. W. Goodlin to occupy the pulpit this evening.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 a. m., Sept. 25th, 1875.

Having occupied a half hour in devotional exercises, Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. D. Harbaugh.

The minutes of the two previous sessions were read and approved.

Bro. G. W. Crotzer was received as a commissioner from the Monrovia and Valley Falls Charge, and was heard in its behalf.

Vacant Congregations.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Revs. S. P. Harrington and D. S. Altman be requested to supply the Eureka charge with preaching occasionally, providing the people pay their expenses.

Resolved, That the Churches at Valley Falls, Monrovia and Stranger Creek, be recommended to the favorable notice of our Advisory Mission Committee, and that immediate efforts be made to supply them.

Resolved, That Revs. D. Harbaugh and J. B. McAfee be a committee to visit Atchison, at their earliest convenience, and ascertain the state of things in reference to our interests there, and report to the President.

Resolved, That Rev. D. S. Altman be requested to visit our Church in Johnson county, Kansas.

Resolved, That Rev. Prof. Corbett visit Ellsworth and look up the Lutheran material there

Resolved, That the Church at Topeka be referred to the Advisory Mission Committee, to be supplied with a Pastor as soon as practicable.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. W. Goodlin.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3:30 p. m., Sept. 25th, 1875.

After preparatory services Synod was called to order by the President. Prayer by the Secretary.

The minutes were read and approved.

Committee No. 1.

Your delegates to the General Synod respectfully submit the following report:

Of six delegates appointed five were in attendance, viz: Revs. Trimper, Harrington, Harbaugh and Bros. Schell and Rizer.

The meeting was one of the most interesting and harmonious held since its organization.

We find in the minutes of the General Synod, the following items claiming our attention:

1. On Page 20, is a resolution requesting all our Churches to take a collection in the month of April, annually, for the Treasury of the General Synod.

2. On page 41, is a resolution which requires the Chairman of each delegation to the General Synod, to bring a brief report, consisting of statistics and other statements relating to the condition of the Church in the Synod which it represents.

3. On page 42, it is recommended that our Churches observe the last Thursday in January of each year as a day of special prayer for Colleges and Educational Institutions.

4. On page 43, relative to the request which your delegates made to have a special rule passed to empower the Board to employ Traveling Missionaries in the west. They say they are willing to occupy any important points just as soon as the men and the means can be obtained,

and therefore, deem it inexpedient to pass such special rule for the present.

5. On page 47, they recommend that in our reports of contributions for "Local objects" we include the Pastor's Salary, and all items of local expense by each congregation.

6. On page 52, it is recommended that each District Synod appoint a committee on Systematic Beneficense, to co-operate with the committee on Systematic Beneficense of the General Synod.

7. On page 73, is a resolution obligating the Church to raise twenty thousand dollars annually for Home Mission operations.

Your committee would offer the following:

Resolved, That we approve of the above resolution, assume our portion and that the committee on Systematic Beneficense which shall be appointed by this Synod, apportion the amount among our Churches.

Resolved, That we most heartily approve of all these recommendations, and by God's help will carry them out among our people.

D. HARBAUGH,
A. A. TRIMPER,
S. P. HARRINGTON.

Adopted.

Committee on Systematic Beneficense appointed. Revs. A. A. Trimper, D. Harbaugh and T. F. Dornblaser.

Account of D. S. Altman,

with Synod of Kansas:

Received of J. H. Schell, Treasurer,	$33 60.
Paid out for printing 300 Copies and Postage,	21 45.
Balance Due Synod	$13 55.

The above report was accepted and the amount due Synod was ordered to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer.

Committee No. 6.

The papers placed in our hands are as follows:

No. 1. Is a letter from Rev. C. Young assigning his reason for being absent from Synod, viz: "bodily infirmity." He sends $2.15 for Synod and his Parochial report. Your committee deeply sympathize with Bro. Young, and recommend that he be excused. This item was adopted and Bro. Young excused.

No. 2. Is a letter from Rev. Geo. Walker, in which he states, that for the want of funds he is unable to attend this meeting of Synod, and also that the health of his wife is such that he cannot leave home for so long a time.

Your committee regret very much the continued absence of Rev. Walker from our annual conventions, and would most earnestly remind him of his solemn obligation to God and his church.

Adopted.

No. 3. Is a letter from Rev. J. B. Corbett, of Bunker Hill, expressing his regret at not being able to meet with us in Synodical convention, and

invoking the divine blessing upon our deliberations.

We are sorry that Bro. Corbett cannot be with us, and therefore recommend that he be excused.

Adopted.

No. 4. Is a communication from Rev. S. Cook, stating that for want of funds and on account of the great distance, he was not able to attend the Synod, that he is without a charge, and does not know as yet where he will locate.

We recommend that Bro. Cook be excused.

Adopted.

No. 5. Is a letter from Rev. F. R. Sherer, assigning as a reason for his absence, the illness of his youngest daughter.

We recommend that Bro. Sherer be excused. He also sends his parochial report, but no funds as usual.

Adopted.

No. 6. Is a communication from Rev. P. G. Nellis, delegate of the Iowa Synod to this body. He regrets his inability to attend our convention. He presents the fraternal greetings of that body, and calls the attention to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," which the Synod of Iowa organized at its late convention at Tipton. He suggests the propriety of this Synod organizing a similar society.

We recommend this suggestion to the favorable notice of Synod.

Adopted.

No. 7. Is a letter from Rev. J. K. Eckman, stating that he started for Synod early on Monday morning and came about 100 miles in private conveyance, as far as Abilene, there he learned that it would cost him $15,00 to reach Lawrence and return, that he could not reach Synod before Thursday 2:20 p. m., and that he could not afford to spend a month's salary to be present for a few sessions, and therefore prays to be excused.

He sends his parochial report and $5,00 for Synod. We recommend that Bro. Eckman be excused.

Adopted.

D. S. Altman,
C. J. Scheleen,
A. Eberhart.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A M. Richardson.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Saturday, 8:30 p. m., Sept. 25th, 1875.

After preaching Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman.

Carthage College.

Your commissioners to Carthage College would report, that it was impossible for them to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors, but that we learn with pleasure that this young institution is in a prosperous condition, having more than 200 students in attendance during the past

year. Additional buildings have been erected. Its finances are in a healthy condition. The general interests of the institution are such as to afford us heartfelt gratitude to God for His goodness in behalf of this important enterprize, so essential to the progress of our beloved Zion in the West.

S. P. HARRINGTON,
A. A. TRIMPER.

Adopted.

Commissioners appointed for the ensuing year: Revs. A. A. Trimper, J. B. McAfee and T. F. Dornblaser.

Committee No. 10.

Your committee to whom was referred the duty of drafting resolutions of condolence and sympathy on the death of Rev J. G. Ellinger, would present the following:

WHEREAS, The Allwise Sovereign and Disposer of all things has called from our midst, one of the members of this Synod, Rev. J. G. Ellinger, on the 24th day of February, 1875, by the hand of Death, therefore

Resolved, That as a Synod we deeply deplore the loss of a member so worthy Truly Rev. Ellinger, in the days of his activity, was a man of good mind, a able preacher, and of good example.

Resolved, That we are reminded by this dispensation of God's providence, that we are every day coming nearer the end of our mortal being, and that we should be also ready to meet the angel of death joyfully, when he shall call for us.

Resolved, That we hereby extend to the deeply afflicted family, our most sincere condolence, and heart-felt sympathy in their great affliction. May the great head of the church sustain them, and bring them ultimately to that everlasting rest, whither our departed Brother has gone.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the minutes of this Synod, and in the church papers, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRINGTON,
D. S. ALTMAN,
H. HEIGERD.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Death of Rev. T. W. Sargent.

WHEREAS, The Allwise God and Father of us all has, in his inscrutable providence called away our much esteemed father, Rev. T. W. Sargent, on the 5th day of February, 1875, by sudden accident, therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of this Synod, do deeply realize from this very sudden dispensation of God's providence that we have lost an earnest, and faithful veteran of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that we shall ever regard him with sacred memory. Truly he died with his armor on.

Resolved, That we are reminded by this sudden providence, that no man knoweth what a day may bring forth, and that we should be ready for the gatherer, when he shall call for us.

Resolved, That we hereby extend to the deeply afflicted family and relatives of Father Sargent, our condolence and deepest sympathy. May He who tempers the winds and the storms, soothe and comfort their hearts, and may they confidently appropriate to themselves the promise of God's holy Word: "He shall deliver thee in six troubles, yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee."

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the minutes of Synod, and

in the church papers, and that a copy be sent to the friends of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRINGTON,
D. S. ALTMAN,
H. HEIGERD.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Time and Place for Next Meeting.

Synod decided to meet, according to the suggestion of the Secretary B. H. M., on the first Tuesday in August, 1876.

The place of meeting is to be designated in due time by the officers of Synod.

Advisory Mission Committee.

The officers of Synod were made to constitute this committee.

Appointments for Next Year.

Subjects.	Speakers.	Alternates.
Education	Rev. S P. Harrington	Rev. D. Harbaugh.
Home Missions	" T. F. Dornblaser	" A. A. Trimper.
Ordination, ...	" J. B. McAfee	" D. S. Altman.

Delegates to Sister Synods.

Names of Synods.	Delegates.
Synod of Iowa, ...	Rev. D. S. Altman.
" " Northern Illinois, ...	" A. A. Trimper.
" " Southern "	" S. P. Harrington.
" " Central "	" D. Harbaugh.
" " Nebraska "	" T. F. Dornblaser.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 300 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members and friends of the Lutheran Church of Lawrence, who so generously entertained us during the sittings of this convention.

Synod now adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in August, 1876.
Prayer by the President.

T. F. DORNBLASER, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

PRAYER MEETING.

Each day from 8:30 to 9 a. m.

PREACHING.

Lutheran Church

Wednesday Evening, Rev. S. P. Harrington, Text. 2 Kings, 5:21-22.
Thursday Evening, Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, Subject: Education.
Friday Evening, Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Subject: Home Missions.
Saturday, 2 p. m., Rev. D. Harbaugh, Preparatory Service.
Saturday Evening, Revs. Dornblaser and Goodlin, Subject: General Benevolence.
Sunday Morning, Rev. D. S. Altman.
Sunday, 2 p. m., Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Subject: Communion.
Sunday Evening, Rev. J. W. Goodlin.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday Morning, Rev. J. W. Goodlin.
Sunday Evening, Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

Plymouth Congregational.

Sunday Morning, Rev. T. F. Dornblaser.

Pilgrim Congregational

Sunday Morning, Rev. J. B. McAfee.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning, Rev. S. P. Harrington.
Sunday Evening, D. Harbaugh.

Parochial Table.

Names of Pastors and Pastorates.	No. of Churches	No. of Preaching Places	Admissions				Removals.			Communicants	Infant Baptism	Catechumens	S. Schools.			Prayer Meetings	Benevolent Funds						General Benevolence	Remarks.
			By Confirmation	By Certificate	By Adult Baptism	By Death	By Certificate	By Excommunication					Lutheran	Union	Teachers	Scholars	Education	Synodical Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Local Objects		
A. A. Trimper	1	...	.....	18	1	.....	1	.....		53	3	...	1	...	12	100	1	$3 00	$4 00	$15 00	$5 00	.....	$370 00	.....	.....
D. S. Altman	2	...	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....		37	3	...	...	2	...	60	1	5 00	3 10	5 00	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....
D. Harbaugh	1	1	4	.....	1	2	6	1		85	7	...	...	1	4	24	1	.....	1 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	.....
C. Young	2	1	.....	11	.....	1	.....	2		29	12	...	1	1	8	36	1	.....	2 15	.....	.....	.....	200 0	.....	.....
S. P. Harrington	1	2	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....		33	6	9	...	1	4	25	...	.....	2 00	10 00	1 50	.....	600 0	10 00	.....
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F. R. Scherer	1	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....		16	...	...	...	2	...	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
T. F Dornblaser	1	...	13	12	.....	.....	1	1		40	8	15	1	...	8	120	1	.....	3 00	10 00	2 00	$3 00	734 00	30 00	.....
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